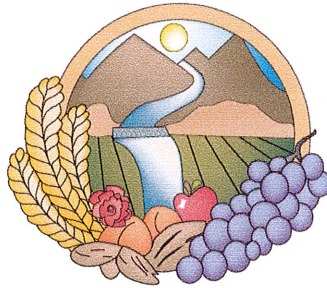


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## NORTH KERN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

October 27, 2016

Chairman Karl Longley  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
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**RE: Amending Waste Discharge Requirements for North Kern Water Storage District's  
Produced Water Reclamation Project**

Dear Chairman Longley,

I am writing to express support for the proposed addendum being considered by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Board) to the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for the California Resources Corporation (CRC) and North Kern Water Storage District (North Kern) Produced Water Reclamation Project. The proposed changes will clarify existing permit intent to continue to ensure irrigation water provided to farmers continues to meet the same stringent water quality standards already in place, while also continuing to protect the region's groundwater.

North Kern's water supply portfolio is primarily made up of Kern River water and groundwater. While produced water accounts for a small portion of North Kern's supply, it represents an important, innovative water supply that we must put to use to sustain our farms and conserve our region's groundwater when surface water supplies are scarce. CRC's water is blended with ground and surface water supplies for delivery to farmers. Like all water North Kern supplies to its customers, the district's blended water supply is of high-quality and continuously meets the stringent established water quality standards; there have been no exceedances of water quality standards since the Water Reclamation project was initiated.

As noted above, the addendum will not change the water quality standard for delivery of blended reclaimed water to the District's farmers. Furthermore, the addendum will ensure continued protection of groundwater quality as it matches the compliance points directly to North Kern's uses of reclaimed water: either for irrigation after blending with other water supplies or for groundwater recharge at North Kern's Rosedale Spreading Basin. An independent engineering firm evaluated the proposed addendum and found that it will not cause groundwater to exceed water quality objectives.

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North Kern pledges to continue to work collaboratively with the Central Valley Board and staff on a robust testing program to ensure the safety of produced water supplies.

Sincerely,



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North Kern Water Storage District

cc: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Executive Officer Pamela Creedon  
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